

What Is Being Done?

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing approximately \$8.5 million to rehabilitate 14.5 miles of US-31 between Port Sheldon Street in Olive Township and 3rd Street in Ferrysburg. The project includes concrete joint repairs, asphalt milling and resurfacing, and construction of turn lanes at the following locations: Buchanan, Lincoln, and Waverly. Joint replacement, steel repairs, partial painting, and mechanical/electrical repairs and upgrades will be completed on the Bascule Bridge over the Grand River.

When Will This Be Done?

As with other extensive and highly successful projects in West Michigan, this work will be completed in multiple stages to lessen the impact to motorists.

Work is scheduled to begin in April 2006, and will continue until November 2006.

Please note that no work will occur during the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival (July 29 - Aug. 5, 2006).

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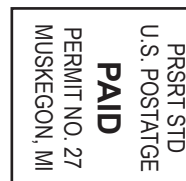
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How Will Traffic Be Affected?

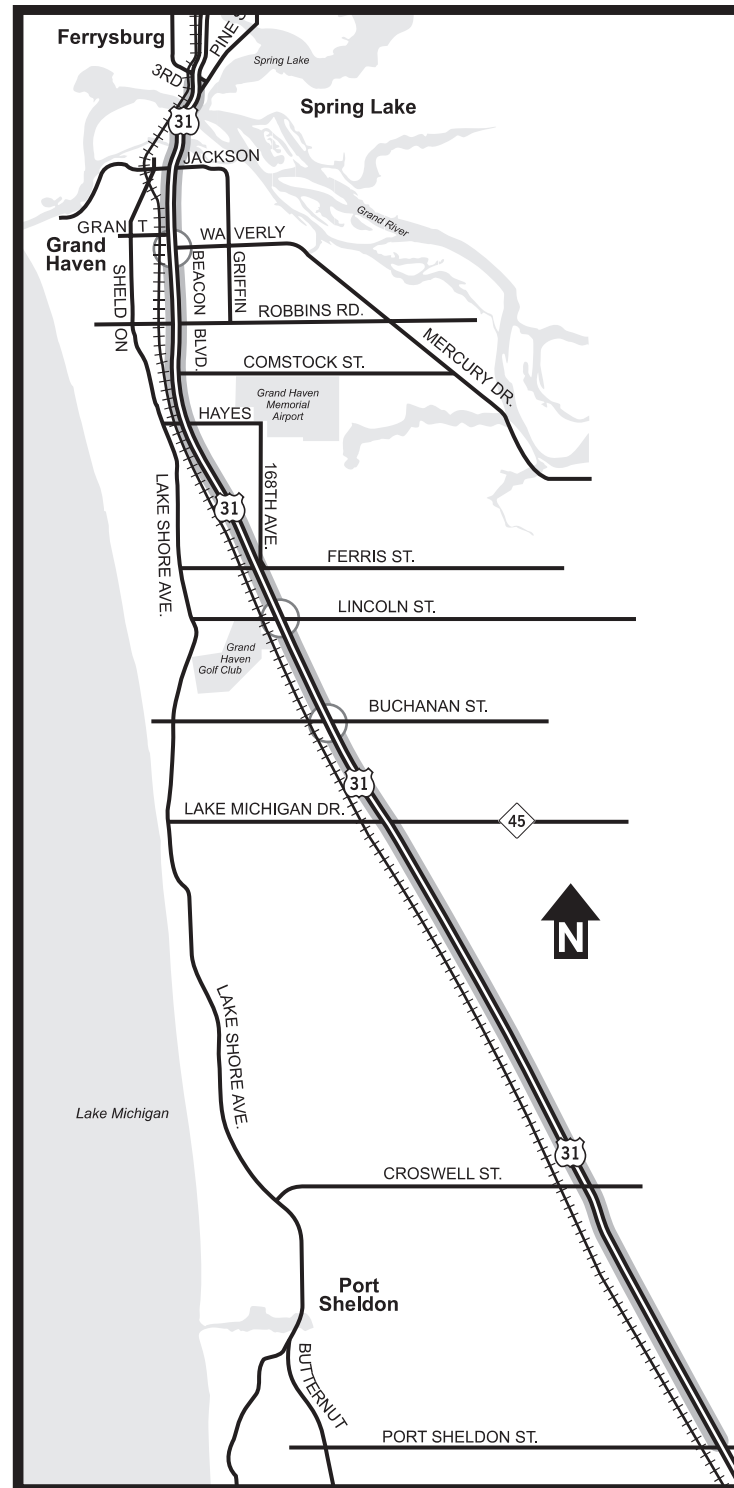
Throughout the course of this project, a minimum of one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times. The majority of the work will be completed using a single lane or shoulder closure.

Work at the Bascule Bridge will require all US-31 through-traffic be shifted to one side during construction. Therefore, northbound and southbound US-31 through-traffic along the Bascule Bridge will occupy the same half of the bridge, with one lane open in each direction. This portion of the project will be completed before Memorial Day or after Labor Day. Traffic entering or exiting US-31 at Spring Lake will be maintained on the outside lanes.

The majority of the remaining work will be completed at night before Memorial Day and after Labor Day. During this time, traffic will be maintained with a single lane and shoulder closure between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Work occurring between Memorial Day and Labor Day will be restricted to US-31 south of Robbins Road and will occur between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

During the shipping season, at least half of the Bascule Bridge will be operational. Work that will require complete restriction of shipping traffic will be completed between January and March of 2007.



Long-term Benefits

The rehabilitation of US-31 in Ottawa County will continue to serve motorists for many years to come. This project will promote safety, improve traffic flow, and enhance the ride quality along this section of roadway.

Since 2003, MDOT's road and bridge program has improved more than 6,500 miles of state trunkline (M, U.S. and I routes) and 1,200 state highway bridges. MDOT is committed to preserving and improving Michigan's transportation system, growing Michigan's economy, and creating and retaining jobs. We protect Michigan families with safety measures that make roads safer for motorists and pedestrians alike.

How Will We Keep Motorists Informed?

MDOT is committed to keeping you informed about current and future lane closures, detour routes, and project updates. For lane closure information, visit the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot or call MDOT's Road Repair Hotline at 616-482-PAVE [7238]. Electronic traffic updates also are available from the Office of Communications via e-mail. If you would like to be included on the electronic mailing list, contact Julie Hurley at hurleyju@michigan.gov.

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